

“In his State of the Union address, President Bush made a slew of new promises to Americans, but the reality is, our families want to see results not more rhetoric.”

As a new Member of Congress, Sánchez is particularly concerned with three key areas of the President’s address:

Economy

“I am extremely concerned about the state of our economy. Last year in his address, President Bush promised to create jobs and strengthen the economy. The reality is, the unemployment rate has gone up □ since he took office, 2 million more employees are out of work □ the stock mark is performing at a lower level today than it did immediately following the Sept. 11 attacks, and states and local governments are facing huge budget deficits causing them to cut or eliminate critical health care and education programs.”

Iraq

“We definitely need to deal with the situation in Iraq. But, I am very concerned that we have a President determined to go to war without the support of our historical allies and without sufficient evidence that Iraq poses an immediate and real threat to our national security.”

Homeland Security

“Homeland security should be our top priority. Protecting the safety of Americans both at home and aboard is of the utmost importance. President Bush said in last year’s address that he would ‘increase funding to help states and communities train and equip our heroic police and firefighters.’ The reality is that he vetoed \$150 million dollars to state and local first responders □ police, fire, and emergency medical personnel.”

“All of our families deserve results not rhetoric,” concluded Congresswoman Linda Sánchez.